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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Applicants respond to the Final Office Action mailed March 6, 2008 ("Office Action"). 08/07/08 The period for reply has been extended to July 6, 2008, by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and requisite fee filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

> Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2. Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 5.

Attachments include a Petition for One Month Extension of Time and Fee, a Declaration Regarding the Deposit of Biological Materials with the Japanese deposit receipts and English translations, and information about the IPOD/AIST depositary taken from their website.